



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gastineau *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/536,258

Filed: March 27, 2000

For: Hedging Exchange Traded Mutual Funds
or Other Portfolio Basket Products

Art Unit: 3628

Examiner: Charles

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 15), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 00322.0007.NPUS00.

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